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FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS
FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING AUGUST 22 , 1974:

QUOTE:

MR. ANDERSON: I HAVE AN ANNOUNCEMENT.
GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER WILL BE HERE AT SIX O'CLOCK TONIGHT.
ORIGINALLY I THINK WE MENTIONED THAT HE WOULD BE HERE
AROUND 12:45. BUT IT JUST DIDN'T WORK OUT WITH HIS
SCHEDULE. AND HE WILL BE HERE TO MEET WITH SECRETARY
KISSINGER AND FOREIGN MINISTER KHADDAM FOR A HALF-HOUR OR
SO AT SIX O'CLOCK TONIGHT.

Q. BOB, BEFORE YOU LEAVE THAT, WHAT IS MR. ROCKEFELLER'S
EXPERTISE IN THE MIDDLE EAST? WHY WOULD HE BE SEEING
KHADDAM? IS THIS PREPARING FOR HIS NEW JOB, OR CAN HE CON-
TRIBUTE SOMETHING ON THE SUBJECT?

A. I THINK THE SECRETARY THOUGHT IT WOULD BE A VERY EX-
CELLENT IDEA FOR HIM TO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET

WITH THE SYRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER.

Q. BUT IS HE CONSIDERED SOME SORT OF AUTHORITY ON THE
MIDDLE EAST?

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A. I DON'T WANT TO GET INTO THAT.

Q. BOB, CAN I PURSUE THAT LINE A LITTLE BIT. IS IT EX-
PECTED THAT MR. ROCKEFELLER WILL ALSO BE MEETING WITH
THE SAUDI ARABIAN FOREIGN MINISTER AND THE ISRAELI PRIME
MINISTER WHEN HE COMES?

A. I JUST CANNOT GIVE YOU ANYTHING ON IT. IF THESE OCCUR,

I WILL LET YOU KNOW IN ADVANCE, AS SOON AS I CAN.

Q. BOB, IS IT PROPER FOR A CITIZEN WHO IS NOT YET CONFIRMED BY THE SENATE TO SIT IN ON DISCUSSIONS WHICH ARE ULTRA-SECRET?

A. I DON'T SEE ANYTHING IMPROPER FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO INTRODUCE GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF SYRIA.

Q. IS A HALF-HOUR OF INTRODUCTION NECESSARY?

A. I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE SUBSTANCE WILL BE.

Q. BOB--

A. COULD I FINISH THE ANNOUNCEMENT?

Q. A QUESTION ABOUT THAT PARTICULAR THING.

A. ALL RIGHT.

Q. IS THE FOREIGN MINISTER EXPECTED TO SEE THE PRESIDENT WHILE HE IS HERE?

A. YES. IT WAS JUST ANNOUNCED AT THE WHITE HOUSE. I BELIEVE IT IS 10:30 TOMORROW MORNING.

Q. OKAY.

Q. BOB -- I'M SORRY -- I DON'T MEAN TO BELABOR IT, BUT DID YOU SAY, BECAUSE I HAVE FORGOTTEN NOW -- WILL GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER SIT IN ON THE MEETING WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER?

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MINISTER, OR IS HE JUST BEING INTRODUCED TO HIM? I AM NOT SURE ANY MORE.

A. HE IS GOING TO COME AND SEE THE FOREIGN MINISTER WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER AT SIX O'CLOCK.

Q. THE QUESTION IS WILL HE PARTICIPATE IN THE SECRETARY'S DISCUSSION WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER ABOUT THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST, OR IS HE JUST BEING INTRODUCED?

A. I DO NOT KNOW THE SUBSTANCE OF WHAT WILL TAKE PLACE. HE IS GOING TO MEET WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND FOREIGN MINISTER KHADDAM. I WILL JUST LEAVE IT THERE.

Q. I WOULD LIKE TO ASK THIS QUESTION -- BECAUSE I DON'T BELIEVE IT HAS BEEN RAISED HERE AT ALL. THERE ARE CONSIDERABLE REPORTS AND SPECULATIONS OVERSEAS THAT THE UNITED STATES PLANNED TO OBTAIN A BASE OUT OF THE TURKISH HOLDINGS ON CYPRUS. COULD YOU ADDRESS YOURSELF TO THAT?

A. I HAVE SEEN THESE REPORTS. I SAW ONE OUT OF CAIRO. AND I THINK LE MONDE CARRIED A REPORT, ALSO. ALL I CAN SAY IS IT IS JUST COMPLETE RUBBISH.

Q. BOB, HAS THERE BEEN CONSIDERATION OR DISCUSSION ABOUT HOME-PORTING IN ISRAEL?

A. THE SUBJECT HAS NOT BEEN RAISED, AND I REALLY DOUBT IF IT WILL BE.

Q. BOB, IS THE SECRETARY PLANNING A TRIP TO MOSCOW IN OCTOBER, AND THAT TRIP TO BE FOLLOWED BY STOPS IN INDIA AND THE MIDDLE EAST?

A. THERE WAS A TICKER REPORT THAT CAME OUT YESTERDAY ON THIS SUBJECT, AND I ASKED THE SECRETARY ABOUT IT JUST BEFORE I CAME DOWN. HE SAID THAT HE HAS NOT TIED DOWN ANYTHING DEFINITE YET. BUT HE DID MENTION THAT HE WAS THINKING ABOUT -- I DON'T THINK IT WAS THE MIDDLE EAST
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THAT HE MENTIONED YESTERDAY. I THINK HE MENTIONED ROME. BUT I ASKED HIM JUST NOW, AND HE HAS NOT SET ANY ITINERARY OR DATE. BUT HE IS THINKING ABOUT TRAVELLING IN LATE OCTOBER, THAT IS CORRECT.

Q. AND IS IT ALSO CORRECT THAT THERE ARE NOW PLANS FOR HIM TO GO TO JAPAN AND CHINA IN SEPTEMBER?

A. THAT I CANNOT GIVE YOU ANYTHING ON AT THE MOMENT, AS FAR AS I KNOW. I HAVE HEARD OF NOTHING DEFINITE OR INDEFINITE ON THAT, EXPECIALLY WITH REGARD TO THE TIMING, MARVIN, AT THIS TIME.

Q. BOB, ON THE EARLIER QUESTION, IS IT YOUR IMPRESSION HE HAS RULED OUT THE MIDDLE EAST ON THAT PARTICULAR TRIP, AND THAT IT WOULD JUST BE MOSCOW, INDIA AND ROME?

A. TO BE VERY HONEST WITH YOU, MARILYN, I DID NOT BRING UP THE MIDDLE EAST WHEN I TALKED TO HIM JUST NOW, BECAUSE THE ONE PRESS REPORT THAT WE SAW DIDN'T MENTION THE MIDDLE EAST IN IT. I THINK IT MENTIONED MOSCOW, INDIA AND POSSIBLY ROME. AND SO I DIDN'T CHECK IT OUT.

BUT I THINK ON THAT GENERAL SUBJECT, YOU CAN STICK WITH WHAT HE SAID ON MONDAY, ON THE QUESTION OF GOING TO THE MIDDLE EAST. I THINK HE EXPRESSED HIMSELF FAIRLY CLEARLY ON THAT.

Q. BOB, SOME MONTHS AGO, IN THE LATE SPRING, AND SO ON, MANY CONGRESSMEN ASKED THE SECRETARY, AND, I THINK, PRESIDENT NIXON, AT THE TIME, TO INTERVENE OR AT LEAST LOOK INTO THE PERSECUTION OF JEWS IN SYRIA. THIS RESULTED FROM THE MURDER OF FOUR YOUNG WOMEN. SINCE THEN, THERE WERE LETTERS ISSUED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT PUBLIC AFFAIRS BUREAU, I BELIEVE, WHICH SAID THAT THIS WAS AN INTERNAL MATTER, AND THEN THIS WAS RUBBED OUT AND IT TURNED OUT THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT DID NOT CONSIDER THIS PERSECUTION AN INTERNAL MATTER AS SUCH. THE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC RAN AN ARTICLE ABOUT THIS BEING AN INTERNAL MATTER, IN EFFECT, TOO, AND THAT THERE WAS NO PERSECUTION. AND WHEN THERE WAS A PROTEST MADE, PICKETING, I LOOKED INTO IT, AND I WAS TOLD BY A PERSON UNCLASSIFIED

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AT THE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC THAT THE ARTICLE HAD BEEN CLEARED AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT BY A YOUNG MAN, AND "PLEASE DON'T GO BACK TO HIM." THEN THERE WAS -- JUST YESTERDAY, OR PERHAPS IT WAS THE DAY BEFORE -- I WOULD HAVE TO LOOK AT THIS COPY AGAIN -- OUR REPRESENTATIVE AT THE UNITED NATIONS, NAMED RUDOLPH CARTER, ATTACKED THE ISRAELI REPRESENTATIVE, WHO WAS NOT A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION DEALING WITH DISCRIMINATION AND THE PROTECTION OF MINORITIES, IN WHICH HE TALKED ABOUT THE PLIGHT OF SOVIET JEWRY AND THE PERSECUTION OF SYRIAN JEWS, AND HE OBJECTED TO THE ISRAELI'S TIME BEING EXTENDED IN HIS SPEECH, BECAUSE ONLY A CERTAIN TIME HAD BEEN ALLOTTED, ETC., WHICH WAS TECHNICALLY CORRECT. BUT WHY THIS ATTITUDE? WE HAVEN'T HAD A REPORT

FROM THE SECRETARY ABOUT THE COMPLAINTS AND THE APPEALS MADE TO THE UNITED STATES, THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS, OR LOOK INTO IT, TO OFFER SOME PROTECTION -- WHICH IS TRADITIONAL FOR AMERICAN DIPLOMACY. IS THERE AN ATTITUDE THAT WE DON'T CARE ABOUT THE PERSECUTION OF MINORITIES, OR IS IT BECAUSE OF A TOUCHY DEALING WITH THE MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATIONS? IS THIS PART OF THE EVEN-HANDED POLICY? WHAT IS THE REASON WHY WE DON'T LOOK WITH A LITTLE MORE CHARITY ON THE MINORITY IN SYRIA?

INCIDENTALLY, THIRTY DISTRICT ATTORNEYS FROM THE UNITED STATES HAVE ASKED TO HAVE AN OBSERVER AT THE TRIAL IN SYRIA.

NOW, WHAT IS THE ATTITUDE OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT ON

THIS?

A. YOU HAVE GIVEN ME A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT TO DIGEST HERE.
WHEN I GET THE TRANSCRIPT, I WILL GO OVER EVERYTHING
THAT YOU HAVE SAID AND SEE IF I CAN BE HELPFUL TO YOU.
LET ME JUST MAKE ONE COMMENT. INsofar AS PERSECUTION,
OBVIOUSLY YOU KNOW AS WELL AS I DO THAT WHEREVER IT MAY
OCCUR, WE TAKE A VERY SERIOUS VIEW OF IT. AND I WOULD
JUST LIKE TO LEAVE IT THERE NOW. BUT I PROMISE YOU I
WILL LOOK INTO YOUR QUESTION.

Q. YOU ARE AGAINST PERSECUTION -- ON THE RECORD. END
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